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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Story, et al. )  
Application No: 09/222,336 ) Examiner: Y. Retta  
Filed: December 28, 1998 ) Art Unit: 2162  
For: LICENSE MANAGEMENT FOR DIGITAL )  
CONTENT )

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2001, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A method comprising:  
creating a first license having a first cardinality, wherein the cardinality indicates  
the number of playback devices that can be authorized for playback of associated digital  
audio content, the license created by a license management device;  
transmitting, via a network connection, the first license to a first set of playback  
devices, wherein the first set of playback devices is less than or equal to the first  
cardinality;